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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicant herewith submits the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- x (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and the requisite Certification or fee under Rule 1.17(p) is included herein; or
- (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, and the requisite Certification, petition, and petition fee are included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form(s) PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Copies of these United States Patents are not being submitted per the August 5, 2003, OG Notice regarding Information Disclosure Statement filings.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

CERTIFICATION

I certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the presently listed references were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application dated not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of this communication is enclosed.

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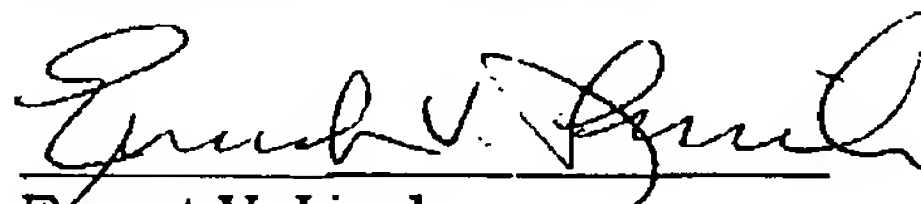
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